i.e., Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation of rice per month in respect of Orissa under the Targeted Public Distribution System which is being implemented all over the country from 1st June 1997, has been fixed as under:—

(In MTs.)

Foodgrain	Above poverty line	Below poverty line	Additional allocation
Rice	3720	31820	20,000*
Wheat	Not allotted as Govt. of Orissa have opted for Rice only.		

* This additional allocation is for 5 months only from June 1997 for drought relief.

The stock position of rice with FCI in the drought affected districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput and allocation for the month of July, 1997, are given below:—

(In MTs.)

District	Stock position of rice as on 15.7.97	Allocation for July 1997
Kalahandi	9,700	1,068
Bolangir	4,800	1,292
Koraput	13,800	2,989

Sugar Mills in Private, Public and Cooperative Sector

493. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of locations of sugar mills in private, public and cooperative sectors, State-wise;

(b) whether these sugar mills are having sufficient production in relation to their capacity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have received proposals from various States to issue Letters of Intent to set up more sugar mills in the States;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(f) the steps taken by Govenrment to assist the loss making units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) A statement showing the State-wise, sector-wise, names and locations of the installed sugar mills in the country is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 181, Annexure No. 17].

(b) and (c) As on 30.6.97, the installed capacity of sugar manufacturing units was 134 lakh tonnes. The capacity already licensed, on the other hand, is of the order of 271.4 lakh tonnes. The actual production of sugar, however, rests not only on the installed capacity but on the days it is utilised, and the availability of sugarcane, which in turn depends upon the crop condition, the efforts made by the mills to develop sugarcane in their area & the extent of diversion of sugarcane for jaggery & khandsari. While the production of sugar in the current season is still going on in some sugar mills, it was 164.29 lakh tonnes during the 1995-96 season.

(d) and (e) From December, 1995 onwards, when the work of issuance of letters of intent was resumed, in all, 105 letters of intent have been issued for establishment of new sugar factories. As on 30.6.97, 150 proposals received from applicant entrepreneurs from various States are under consideration. Details are in Annexure-II. (*See* below) A final decision in these cases is yet to be taken

by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(f) The Government helps sugar mills to improve their working by availing of concessional finance from Sugar Development Fund for rehabilitation, modernisation and upgradation of capacity. Upto 30.6.97, 166 sugar mills had been sanctioned loans from Sugar Development Fund amounting to Rs. 609.17 crores. Besides, 355 units were also sanctioned Cane Development Loans amounting to Rs. 485.22 crores.

Statement

S.No.	State	No. of Applications pending
1.	Madhya Pradesh	24
2.	Maharashtra	13
3.	U.P.	73
4.	Punjab	3
5.	Nagaland	1
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1
7.	Tamil Nadu	7
8.	Karnataka	12
9.	Andhra Pradesh	12
10.	Pondicherry	1
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
12.	Haryana	2
	Total	150

Sub-Standard Sugar Diverted to Mumbai for sale in Open Market

494. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Merchant vessel carrying about 1000 tonnes of sub-standard sugar which was rejected by the Lankan authorities was diverted to the Mumbai harbour for unloading its cargo for sale of sugar in the open market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A consignment of 1335 tonnes of sugar was brought to Mumbai port on MV Natalie on 13.4.1997. The consignment was unloaded from MV Natalie in stream into barge 'Prosper' under customs permission and supervision on 15.5.1997. The barge has been at berth in Prince's Dock from 12.6.97. As per the certificate issued Food and Drug Administration, Government of Maharashtra, the sugar is moist, stick with fermented shell and hence unfit for human consumption. The sugar is still lying loaded on the barge awaiting disposal.

Strengthening the infrastructure of Consumer Courts

495. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had granted financial assistance to the State Governments for strengthening the infrastructure of Consumer Courts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maharashtra Government could not utilise the allocated fund for this; and

(c) if so, whether State Government has requested Central Government to consider the reallocation of financial assistance for strengthening the infrastructure of Consumer Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Request of the Maharashtra Government regarding